till we heard from you, which must nearly a week from this— I so we have decided to have the stairs come into the setting room as they were before instead of having a door out of my bedroom— as Mr Lowell advised— I hope it will meet with your approbation— I shall be glad when it is done— This visit has prepared me to prize my limited quarters at Wrentham more than ever— when I can be quiet in my own chamber with a fireplace & can have my things around me— Elmo I think I shall be glad to see you if ever I was— when you come— Elmo little E's message is "Tell Papa come home" with a sweet hug kiss— when your letter came he was unusually anxious to know what was in it— Sarah told him some things but did not let know there was no message for him— You must send a kiss next time— If you feel the want of flannels you must by all means buy some—

Mr. Wheeler
Aug. 29.
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Rev. Amos A. Phelps.
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Sister Emily is confined and is recovering fast— but Mrs Childs died an hour before its birth— She was extremely sick— it is badly disappointed— She will soon leave W— to visit Rochester &c & thinks she shall go out with William the next time if he goes— Suitable voyage— Mother is very anxious to have me return to spend the winter with her— but I shall leave it with you to make arrangements for the winter— Mother Beyon is decidedly opposed to our going to St Domingo— She thinks I am not able & I think she fears you will not be very safe there— She reads all your letters— I thought she would feel hurt if I did not let her do so— What is your wish about it— She wants to borrow some $20 of the money which I've rec'd from N. York— Says she can replace it by going to Hartford when you come— I have paid Mr Williams— I told her I thought you might want it when you came—

with regard to
the Hang in the Sitting Room – I do not know how you wish it
have it done – & I had rather have you decide – Mr Flamingo
to enquire
to know as soon as possible, indeed he would like to know now
on account of plaistering &c – I shall hope to receive a letter
next week giving directions – Some advise us one way & some
the other – that is, to have a door out of my bedroom to go up Stairs
but Mr Lowle says, no – let my room be retired – but I
had rather have it as you wish –

I have received £8 from E Wright – I wish you to tell him, when
you write that I have received it – I shall pay Mr Williams £6,4,9
for the freight of furniture next week –

Monday P.M. Sept 31 So here we are, dear Mrs, at Uncle Augustus – came
this afternoon bag & baggage – for they commenced plaistering the rooms
to day – I felt rather unpleasantly to come while Aunt has so little help
but I mean Huldah shall help her some besides waiting upon me – On
my own account I am glad to get here, for I have found it very
unpleasant at Mothers since you left, altho she has done all
she could to make it comfortable – but there has, necessarily, been
so much noise & confusion that I could not rest during the
day as much as my health required, indeed it was almost out of
question to sleep – & having a fever every night I could get to sleep till
late & then perspired the rest of the night – so that I have really needed rest –
I occupy a most large chamber – I like it very well only there is no fireplace in
it – on this account I shall be obliged to sit down Stairs always when it is cool or damp
weather – it is so cold that I feel the cold very sensibly – Uncle tells me to make my-
self at home – I shall probably stay here till you come – for the painting will be
done soon after the plaistering – at least a part of it – Do you intend to have the out-
side painted? & what color? – Shall I have the front & back entry floors painted? Aunt
Mother thinks she shall have stone steps to the front door – If you have the out-
side painted it will be best to have it done at the same time the rest of it is – so
write upon the reception of this that I may know as soon as possible –
As it was necessary to have the plaistering done we have concluded not to want

& while our dear boy needs your attention, which you could give him when at home — I know that the interests of a small family is small indeed compared with 2,000,000 of perishing souls — I would not lose sight of the great cause — but does not the peculiar circumstances in which your family are placed — make it duty — to give them a share of your time & attention — If I were well enough to do all that I should be done for the children — yes, if I had health — I would say — continue in your agency — go forward — I feel that could do almost any way be any where — but as it is I would have you do some other part of the work a part of the time — after this tour. — I have made the proposition & leave you, dear Mrs, to decide —

I have many doubts & fears with regard to going to the West Indies this winter — indeed, I do not feel able to go now. — Perhaps I shall get stronger when the weather is cooler — but it seems like a great undertaking now — I should rather not decide till I see you.

I have rode a few times since I wrote you, one or two miles out at a time, — & am able to sit up more than I did — but cannot do much, — & it takes but little to fatigue me. — Of course I cannot go to meeting & indeed Mother has not ventured to leave me to attend church since I ailed. — My appetite is not very good altho' I am constantly taking tonics, — 5 times a day. — I have not got a bathing tub for Dr Thompson does not approve of my using it — prefers a damp Sponge. — We cannot hire a waggon so Mr Strong has lent us one of his — but it is not very easy. — To day Mr Howe Cowles came with his [redacted] Chaise & took me to ride 2 miles. — I found that I was not as much fatigued as when I rode in the waggon. — Next week I must go to Uncle A. Bodwell's if I am able, for they are a going to plaister & Mr Cowles says I must not stay while it is done. — How long I shall stay I dont know — I regret exceedingly that you have not received my last letter on account of directions that it is necessary for you to give

Charlotte Phelps

Farmington, Aug. 29. 1835.

Saturday P.M.

What was the cost of this Labor for the Slaves?

Read this Letter

My dear Husband,

It was with heartfelt joy that I received yours of the 22d this afternoon — & to learn that your health is good, notwithstanding all the fatigue & exposure which you must necessarily have — I have been sending to the post office for 2 or 3 days hoping that a letter would come. You have undoubtedly received my last — this — in which I informed you of my feeble state of health in consequence of bleeding at the lungs, so I will not repeat particulars — I consider it, by far, the most alarming symptom I have ever had — How long I shall be spared to you seems very uncertain — I long to feel entirely willing to leave the decision with my Heavenly Father (if so I may call him) yes, very temporal & spiritual interest with Him — But when I think of leaving you & my dear boy — & — am of launching into Eternity — perhaps unprepared, (oh) I often fear it is too true, that I "have no part or lot in the matter" My dear husband, I fear I do not, from the heart say, "Thy will be done" It is my daily prayer that I may fitted for life or for death — And you will pray for me I know — often I wish you were here to pray with & for me — & I do hope that some arrangement will be made so that you can equally promote the cause of abolition & still be with your family — I feel more & more that the children need your attention (as well as myself) I am so feeble that I cannot govern & instruct them as they ought to be — Could you not lecture a part of the time & write for publication a part of the time — You can take it into consideration & when you return from this tour, see the committee & ascertain whether some change cannot be made to this effect — I have never felt before that I could call you away from any place the committee saw fit to send you — & now I do not say, leave the work — by no means, for I know you are needed at this important crisis — but only ask whether you cannot as well do some other part while I live —